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### **Air Force's Premier Jazz Band on National Tour**

The premier Jazz ensemble of the U.S. Air Force, the Airmen of Note, will perform a free concert at Wentz Concert Hall on the campus of North Central College in Naperville, Ill. on Wednesday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. as part of its "Celebrating Independence" tour.

Stationed at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C., the Airmen of Note is one of six performing groups that comprise The U.S. Air Force Band. Created in 1950 to continue the tradition of Major Glenn Miller's Army Air Corps dance band, the group consists of 18 active duty Airmen musicians including one vocalist.

Through the years, the Airmen of Note has presented its own brand of big band jazz as well as more contemporary forms of jazz to audiences via annual tours across the United States, local performances throughout metropolitan Washington, D.C., and deployments around the world. In fact, Illinois-native and drummer, Technical Sgt. Dave McDonald, and vocalist, Technical Sgt. Paige Martin, recently deployed in support of diplomatic and troop morale initiatives as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Four other Note members will deploy early next year, and trumpeter, Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Burns, will lead that group.

Each year, the Note's Jazz Heritage Series is broadcast to millions over National Public Radio, independent jazz radio stations, satellite radio services and the Internet. In addition, the Note produces and delivers recorded music to millions of fans worldwide each year through hundreds of media outlets. One of the group's recent holiday recordings, "Cool Yule," reached #2 on the JazzWeek jazz chart.

For more information about the Airmen of Note, including photos, bios and musical excerpts, please visit: <http://bit.ly/usafairmenofnote>.

As part of The U.S. Air Force Band, these Airmen musicians honor those who have served, inspire American citizens to heightened patriotism and service, and positively impact the global community on behalf of the U.S. Air Force and the United States of America. The excellence demonstrated by these Airmen musicians is a reflection of the excellence carried out by Airmen stationed around the globe. For more information about The U.S. Air Force Band, please visit: <http://usafband.af.mil>.

The Airmen of Note's 16-day tour will take these Airmen musicians through Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. The concert on July 2 at North Central College is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. All remaining seats will be released for non-ticket holders 10 minutes before the performance. For tickets please visit the theater box office or contact Ellman's Music Center:

Wentz Concert Hall  
171 E. Chicago Ave.  
Naperville, IL 60540  
10am-6pm

Ellman's Music Center  
508 W. 5th Ave.  
Naperville, IL 60563  
(630) 355-5880  
M-Th, 9am-8pm  
F-Sat, 9am-5pm

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